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1. FORTY-FOUR POLITICAL DETAINEES FROM YIAROS ISLAND ARRIVED IN ATHENS JULY 25. AMONG THEM AND IN GOOD HEALTH WAS NICHOLAS PSAROUDAKIS ON WHOSE BEHALF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST HAS BEEN REGISTERED IN RECENT MONTHS.

2. SPYROS KAVOUNIDES ABOUT WHOM THERE IS ALSO CI (SENATORS CRANSTON, BELLMON, TUNNEY AND CONG. MCCLOSKEY) IS STILL BEING HELD AT KORYDALLOS PRISON IN SUBURBAN ATHENS. HIS CASE, ACCORDING TO KORYDALLOS PRISON DIRECTOR, WILL NOW BE RE-EXAMINED ON PRESUMPTION OF RELEASE UNDER GENERAL AMNESTY WHICH IS ALREADY OPERATIONAL EVEN THOUGH ITS LEGAL TERMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN PROMULGATED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

3. LEFTIST CIRCLES MAINTAIN THAT NOT ALL COMMUNIST DETAINEES ON YIAROS HAVE BEEN FREED. THERE ARE ALSO AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN MILITARY CENTERS AND PROVINCIAL PRISONS WHO HAVE NOT YET, UNLIKE MITSOTAKIS ON CRETE, SECURED IMMEDIATE RELEASE AS A RESULT OF THE JULY 22 CHANGEOVER.
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